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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER

1. AS RECOMMENDED BY RABAT SUMMIT, LEGAL EXPERTS FROM EGYPT, KUWAIT, SYRIA, AND MOROCCO ARE NOW MEETING AT ARAB LEAGUE TO AMEND ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER. ASSISTANT SYG NOFAL REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS JAN 30 THAT MEETING WILL LAST THREE WEEKS.

2. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN GUMHURIYYA JAN 31, WORKING PAPER PREPARED BY ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT FOR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL GROUP, INCLUDING SOME ARAB FONMINS, TO WORK WITH SYG IN "MAINTAINING ARAB SOLIDARITY AND MAKING ON THE SPOT EFFORTS TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTE WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN MEMBER STATES". WORKING PAPER ALSO RECOMMENDS ARAB LEAGUE DECISIONS BE MADE ON BASIS MAJORITY RULE, AND NOT ON PRESENT
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BASIS ON UNANIMITY, WHICH IMPEDES POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE

DECISIONS. THIRD RECOMMENDATION IS REPORTEDLY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB PARLIAMENT TO INCLUDE ELECTED ASSEMBLIES OR CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS OF MEMBER STATES.

3. COMMENT: ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT ALL ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE IN FACT BEEN DISCUSSED AT RABAT SUMMIT. HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT MOST IMPORTANT STEP TO BE TAKEN BY LEGAL COMMITTEE IS DRAFT CHARTER AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE ARAB SUMMIT MEETINGS LEGAL EXISTENCE IN CONTEXT OF ARAB LEAGUE. AT PRESENT, ALTHOUGH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT ARRANGES AND STAFFS ARAB SUMMIT, THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES HAVE NO LEGAL VALIDITY WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE CHARTER.
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